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Dear Dr. Stratmoen,

Comments on draft final audit report from Sweden, August 2002

Below you will find the comments of the National Food Administration on the draft final audit report FYI 2002.

8. *Microbiology deficiency*

The alternate method (NMKL 147) for E. coli is now approved by USDA.

**9. *Sanitation Controls, Other Requirements
(Dressing Rooms/Lavatories)***

The non compliance was promptly corrected by the establishment. NFA has required increased frequency of cleaning and improved routines.

9.1 *SSOP, Daily records documentation*

The records have been improved in both establishments and are now considered sufficient by the NFA.

11.2 *PR/HACCP*

Zero-tolerance for contamination with ingesta

Immediate corrective actions were taken. Since then, extensive actions have been taken by the establishment in question to ensure continuing compliance. The NFA inspectors and the NFA in-plant personnel have followed up the zero-tolerance policy for FIM and the establishment is now in compliance with the requirements.

Documentation of corrective actions when critical limits were exceeded

The HACCP-plan has been modified by the establishment. Improved documentation (of corrective actions) has been implemented.

12. *Residue controls*

Recoveries for sulfonamides

The method ensures recoveries over 70% for sulfonamides that are in our residue plan for FY 2003.

Turnaround-time for DES

Turn-around-times for DES-analysis in pigs was less than four weeks in the autumn 2002 (sampling made after the US inspection).

The NFA now consider all deficiencies effectively addressed and corrected by establishment 80, and preventive measures to be implemented in order to ensure continuing compliance. NFA has notified FSIS concerning recertification of the establishment for export to the United States.

These comments will be sent by post, fax and by e-mail.

Yours sincerely,

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